

Dear Customer

Service Re-opening

Landkey Post Office Previously Located at: Blakeshill Road, Landkey, Barnstaple, EX32 0JQ

We are writing as per our recent communication to update you about the Post Office service in Landkey.

We are delighted to let you know that we have restored Post Office services to Landkey on Thursday 8 December 2022. The branch closed temporarily in September 2022 following the resignation of the postmaster and the withdrawal of the premises for Post Office use. We are pleased to be able to reinstate the service as a Hosted Outreach whilst we continue to seek a permanent solution.

The Postmaster from Bickington Post Office has been identified to operate the Hosted Outreach Post Office service from within The Castle Inn, Blakes Hill Road, Landkey, Barnstable, EX32 0NF on Thursdays between 09:30 and 12:30.

Similar Post Office products and services will continue to be available. Full details of the new temporary service are provided at the end of this letter.

I know that the local community will join me in welcoming this good news and hope that you and our customers will continue to use this service.

If you are a local representative, please feel free to share this information through your social media channels and with any local groups or organisations that you know within the community for example on noticeboards, local charities and in GP surgeries, to help our customers and your constituents understand what is happening to the Post Office in the local community. If you would like a supply of posters, please let us know.

If you have any questions about the new service, please contact the National Consultation Team, as detailed below. Please note that your comments will not be kept confidential unless you expressly ask us to do so by clearly marking them "In Confidence".

We're carrying out this notification in line with our Principles of Community

Thank you for your support in restoring a Post Office service.

Yours faithfully

Matthew Walls

Matthew Walls Network Provision Lead How to contact us: comments@postoffice.co.uk postofficeviews.co.uk FREEPOST Your Comments

New Service Details:

During the Coronavirus pandemic some branches may need to make changes to their opening hours. The latest available branch information can be found on our website www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder

Landkey Hosted Outreach The Castle Inn Blakes Hill Road	Services Similar services will continue to be available.
Landkey	
Barnstable	Access
EX32 ONF	The Castle Inn has a wide door and level access the
	entrance.

Opening times

Thursday	09:30 - 12:30
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Getting there

This temporary Hosted Outreach Post Office service is located 160 metres away from the previous branch on a level terrain. There is a dedicated car park behind the premises. There are local buses serving the surrounding area.

To get this information in a different format, for example, in larger print, audio or braille call 03452 66 01 15 or Textphone 03457 22 33 55.

Principles of Community Engagement on changes to the Post Office network (extract)

A full version of this document is available on our Consultation Hub - postofficeviews.co.uk

We are committed to engaging and supporting our customers and their representatives as we make changes to the Post Office network. The following Principles will be adopted when communicating about changes to your local Post Office branch.

We will **<u>Notify</u>** - where we are informing customers of changes around:

- Opening hours
- Temporary closure¹/ temporary service interruption
- Re-opening of a temporarily closed branch in the same site
- Opening a new branch unrelated to a previous closure
- Location used by a Mobile Post Office within a community

We will display a poster in branch (or nearby if appropriate) to notify customers of the above changes, providing four weeks' notice. Where four weeks' notice is not possible, we will provide notice as soon as we are able to. For temporary closures we will include details of the nearest alternative Post Offices and our customer helpline/textphone.

These Principles have been agreed with Citizens Advice, Citizens Advice Scotland and the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland; the independent statutory consumer watchdogs.

What to do if you feel these Principles haven't been followed:

Please get in touch so we can investigate your complaint. We'll explain in our reply whether webelieve we have followed our Principles of Community Engagement and will provide you with the contact details for the relevant consumer watchdog (Citizens Advice, Citizens Advice Scotland or the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland) if you're not satisfied with our response. The watchdog will independently assess whether we have followed the Principles of Community Engagement process (rather than the decision itself) and recommend any actions with respect to the complaint.

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¹ We will provide an update to locally elected representatives if the status of the temporarily closed branch has not changed after 12 months.

There may be a small number of cases where due to circumstances outside our control we have no option other than to permanently close a branch in a particular location. In these cases, the consultation will seek feedback on alternative Post Office service provision in the area.

We notify locally elected representatives including but are not restricted to the Member of Parliament, Scottish Parliament, Welsh Parliament, or Northern Ireland Assembly, Local Authority Chief Executive, Ward Councillors, Parish or Community Council, selected charities, local Citizens Advice, Age UK, Northern Ireland's Disability Action and Northern Ireland's Rural Community Network. They are also encouraged to share all information additionally with local groups and organisations who they believe have an active interest in changes to their local Post Office.